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DEMANDING A PACIFIC FLEET CRITICAL DAYS IN FRANCE AND SPAIN

PACIFIC COAST CONGRESS CALLED BY CALIFORNIA

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

SAN FRANCISCO, October 13.—Governor Gillett has called a Pacific Coast Congress to meet on November 17th, 18th and 19th, to promote marine and other interests of the Pacific Coast states, and to voice the demands of the coast states that an American battleship fleet be stationed in the Pacific. Admiral "Bob" Evans recently declared himself emphatically in favor of having a battleship fleet on this side, and since then an agitation has been going on to influence the Navy Department to adopt his views.

The matter of merchant marine will also be taken up by the Pacific Congress. A ship subsidy is being strongly urged, to restore the American flag on the Pacific.

Hawaii has been invited to take part in the Congress, and it is expected that she will send representatives. The main objects will be to urge legislation to encourage the merchant marine, and to have a battleship fleet stationed in the Pacific, and in both of these Hawaii is assumed to have special interest.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The State Legislature meeting in special session at Sacramento yesterday took a long step forward in the movement to secure for the Pacific coast the establishment of an adequate fleet of modern battleships and to improve the conditions of our merchant marine.

Both houses of the Legislature unanimously passed a resolution introduced by Senator Wright and Assemblyman Hinkle, both of San Diego, recommending to Governor Gillett the holding of a Pacific Coast Congress in San Francisco to forward this movement. This Congress, the resolution proposes, shall meet before the December opening of Congress in Washington, in order that the result of its work shall be urged directly at the national capital.

This action of the State Legislature crystallizes sentiment that has become general among the commercial bodies of the Pacific coast since the arrival and departure of Admiral Evans' splendid fleet of sixteen battleships two years ago.

Merchant Marine Congress Also Proposed.—Governor Gillett at Sacramento last night declined to give any forecast of what his action on the recommendation of the resolution would be, and in doing so made known the probability of there being a joint Pacific coast convention within the next few months, at which the needs of an American merchant marine should be urged along with the necessity of a permanent battleship fleet on this coast.

"The resolution passed today by the Legislature," said Governor Gillette, "has not yet been received by me. For this reason I prefer not to make any official declaration concerning it. However, I may say that officers of the Merchant Marine League of San Francisco have tentatively communicated with me concerning their hope to hold this fall in San Francisco a Merchant Marine convention. It has been suggested to me that the purposes of the two meetings might very well be combined, but until I am able to confer with the members of the Marine League of San Francisco I can say nothing definitely regarding the proposed Pacific Coast congress. I intend within a few days to learn exactly what plans the Merchant Marine League has in hand and the feasibility of such a joint meeting. Until then I can give out nothing further."

League Working On Plans.—C. C. Henlon, secretary of the Merchant Marine League, was reluctant to discuss last night the plans of the league to hold a coast convention. He declared that the suggestion had been broached by members of the league and tentatively considered, but that no definite plans were adopted.

"The Merchant Marine League is, as Governor Gillett says, considering the feasibility of holding a convention in San Francisco this fall," said Mr. Henlon, "but we are not prepared as yet to announce any definite arrangements. We will consult with Governor Gillett further and until then the Merchant Marine Convention must be considered as being wholly in a nebulous state."

Enthusiastic co-operation is expected to result from the resolution passed by the Legislature. The proposal to throw the whole weight of Pacific Coast influence toward securing from the Federal Government the maintenance of a permanent fleet of battleships in Pacific Coast waters was introduced in the Senate by Senator Wright of San Diego, and in the Assembly by Assemblyman Hinkle, also of San Diego. Senator Wright in introducing the resolution told of the concerted movement now on among the commercial organizations in cities along the Pacific Coast favoring the establishment of a permanent fleet. Governor Gillett, the Senator stated, has already received a number of requests from cities to the north and south urging him to call the proposed congress.

Coast Influence For Battleships.—Wright urged that action by the California Legislature would have an important favorable influence upon Congress when it comes to consider the questions. Both houses unanimously adopted the resolution, which is as follows:

Whereas, a number of the Chambers of Commerce and commercial organizations of the Pacific Coast, acting upon the suggestion of Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans, have passed resolutions inviting the Governor of the State of California to call a Pacific Coast Congress for the purpose of urging upon the Congress of the United States the necessity of maintaining permanently in Pacific waters a fleet of battleships; and

Whereas, other organizations have requested the calling of a Pacific Coast Congress to urge upon the Federal Government the importance of the merchant marine to the Pacific Coast; and

Whereas, both of these subjects are worthy of most careful consideration and mean much to the rapidly growing population and the great business interests of the Pacific

DEMOCRATS TALK \$4 PER DAY WAGES ON WATERFRONT

Some new staff in the way of Democratic thunder is being handed out by Democrats along the water front and among working men of the Honolulu Iron Works and other concerns which are large employers of labor. The men are being told by the political workers that they ought to get \$4.00 a day, with the intimation that Democratic success may help them to get it.

One speaker addressed a crowd of stevedores with the statement that freighters coming here from the coast are loaded by men who get \$4 per day, and that the unloading here should be paid for at the same rate.

As most of the freight depends upon plantations for business, the Republicans answer that the Democratic attack on the sugar industry means less freight and no wages at all for many of those now employed.

Among mechanics and skilled laborers the argument being used by Democrats is that the present immigration policy tends to fill the country with cheap artisans. At the present time, however, every contractor in town is finding it hard to get enough labor, and every time a big contract is taken, the contractor has to send to the coast for men.

INVESTIGATION OF THE POLICE COURT

The Territorial grand jury met at one thirty this afternoon to resume its investigation of the police court shortage and substitution of checks for cash. Judge Andrade, Clerk Zablan and others connected with the court were subpoenaed as witnesses.

County Attorney Cathcart takes the position that there is no criminal charge possible except in the case of Clark, against whom he evidently expects an indictment for embezzlement. The jury, however, will investigate the whole system of procedure in handling the cash of the court, with a view to finding out how long the checks were allowed to remain uncashed, and whether they represented cash when drawn.

Frank E. Thompson has been retained in addition to Chillingworth, to defend Clark. Clark is not saying anything about his case. Some of his friends, however, have intimated that if indicted and placed on his defense in the circuit court he would make it very unpleasant for the judge. This is taken to mean that he will endeavor as far as possible to shift the blame on to his superior.

TAKING LAND FOR MILITARY RESERVATION

President Taft has issued a proclamation taking over the military reservation at Lihou, and the government portion of the land at Kalaena. It will not doubt be recalled that shortly after annexation the United States government took over a piece of land in this vicinity measuring about 14,600 acres. There was a large wedge-shaped piece there that was not taken over, and it is a part of this, about 200 acres, that has now been proclaimed. A piece of this land is owned privately, and it is assumed that this too will be acquired by the government in due course.

Coast and mountain States; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the holding of a Pacific Coast Congress to be convened in the city of San Francisco at some convenient time prior to the meeting of the Federal Congress, meets the approval of this Assembly, and we hereby commend the same to the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Governor of the State of California.

WANT AN EXHIBIT.

The American Land and Irrigation Co., has notified Governor Frear that an exposition will be held next month at New York. The promoters consider that it would be an excellent idea for Honolulu to exhibit some of its products there. It is stated that the islands would receive an excellent advertisement by participating.

ARTILLERY IS COMING

FREAR NOTIFIED THAT BATTERY WILL ARRIVE BY TRANSPORT IN NOVEMBER.

Governor Frear this morning received a notification from the War Department to the effect that Battery F, First Field Artillery, which is now in the camp of instruction at Castadero Ranch, will leave San Francisco by a transport leaving there on or about November 5, for Honolulu. On arrival here the battery will proceed to Schofield Barracks. The guns and horses will come on by the first available transport after the battery departs from San Francisco.

"HOPES TO COME."

The editor of the National Magazine in a letter to Governor Frear has expressed his thanks for an article written by the governor. The editor adds that he hopes at no distant date to come along to these islands, and write a description of them for his magazine. He does not claim any originality for the idea.

TIMELY ADVICE.

Never leave home on a journey at this season of the year without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, is good advice for young and old. No one can tell when it may be required. It cannot be obtained on board the cars or steamships. Buy it before leaving home. For sale by all dealers, Benson, Smith & Co., agents for Hawaii.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT ACTS BUT THE STRIKE SITUATION GROWS WORSE

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

PARIS, October 13.—Five of the strike leaders have been arrested on charges of insurrection. The strike continues in all its paralyzing force, despite plans of the government to take aggressive steps for the resumption of railroad traffic.

As a result of the railroad strike, 4,500 coal miners were laid off today. Their employers gave as a reason for discharging them that it was necessary to suspend mining operations, there being no means of transporting the product of the mines. Other industries will be compelled to shut down for similar reasons, if the railroad tie-up is much longer continued, thus adding immensely to the number of unemployed.

BERLIN, October 13.—Railroad traffic between France and this country is practically at a standstill. It is impossible for passengers or freight to move over any of the lines leading into France from this country.

TEDDY FIGHTS FOR BIG INSURGENT

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, October 13.—In accordance with his promise made when he returned from South Africa, Colonel Roosevelt is taking the stump here in the campaign for Senator Albert J. Beveridge, who is having a very hard contest for a renomination. Beveridge is one of the original leading insurgents and one of the most radical of Republican progressives. He is one of the senators whom Taft for a time deprived of all patronage, on account of his attitude of opposition towards the tariff bill and other administration measures.

SPAIN'S TROOPS READY

MADRID, October 13.—All the troops in Spain were kept under arms all day today, ready for a revolutionary outbreak. Today is the anniversary of the execution of Professor Ferrer, the socialist teacher who was condemned to death as responsible for riots in Barcelona. It was feared that the observance of the anniversary would bring about rioting, but there were no disturbances.

SEVEN DROWNED.

CUXHAFEN, October 13.—The Swedish bark Diana has been sunk in collision with a fishing steamer. Seven lives were lost.

AT THE PARK TONIGHT.

There will be some great vaudeville work at the Park theater this evening and the greatest of all, perhaps, will be that of Alberto, "The Gay Deceiver," who is considered to have the most refined, unique and novel act ever introduced here direct from London. His tricks are nothing short of marvellous and his refined way of presenting them created for him the title of "The Gay Deceiver."

Harney and Haynes, who have captivated all by their superb work, will appear in another black-face act, Mr. Harney introducing some of his extremely eccentric dancing. The show is a big one and should be appreciated by the public.

SACHS' SATURDAY SPECIALS.

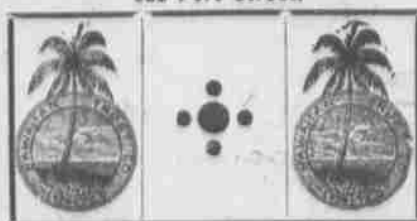
There will be some exceptional values at the Saturday morning sale at Sachs'. Children's Handkerchiefs, Chinese Grass Linen, Golf Vests and many others.

NEW RICE MILL.

The K. Yamamoto Rice Mill is the largest as well as the finest in the islands. All machinery is of the very latest pattern. The famous Tengu Rice is cleaned at this mill. With the large cleaning capacity they are able to handle considerable outside particular work which they guarantee.



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